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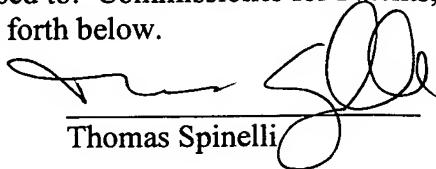
Sir:

Pursuant to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action dated February 1, 2006, Applicants elects the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-23 and 35-38 for continued prosecution herein.

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